



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2002, 6:30pm
Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Jacob Hernandez, Randy Akes, Tom Martin, Dana Kruckenberg, David McNeil, Gerald Smith, Claudia Johnson, Christina Duran, Araceli Moore, Jay Dyer, Manuel Carrasco, Jaime Hurtado

Members Excused: Richard Burns, Leticia Pepper, Erin House, Rita Norton, Brenda Flowers

Members Unexcused: Lee Wagner, Nancy Hart, Barbara Brown, Ernie Hautala

Guests: Ray Higgins, Paul Fick, George Carvalho, Dvonne Pitruzzello

Staff: Martha Matus, Community Relations Assistant, and Eva Webster, Director of Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco, Chair at 6:40pm with welcome and introduction of members and guests.

2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

General consent on approval of the minutes from the October 7, 2002.

3. Discussion of Neighborhood programs: George Carvalho, City Manager

George Carvalho gave a brief update as to the Strategic Planning process currently underway and slated to be completed by November 26 and adopted by City Council December 10.

Eva Webster updated the group as to the City Manager's efforts in the last month to brainstorm neighborhood programming with city staff, a visit to the City of Santa Ana to investigate their neighborhood program, and the Community Strategy Meeting. The City Manager attended this RNP meeting as the culmination of information gathering relative to neighborhood services to incorporate into the Strategic Plan for the next three years. Discussion followed as to neighborhood issues and how the city and RNP and residents can approach and tackle these issues. Topics included parks, traffic, youth, growth and development, et cetera.

4. Office of Neighborhoods Update: Eva Webster, Director

Brief reminder and update as to the Neighborhood Awards Ceremony taking place on November 16, 2002.

5. Future Agenda Items:

Eva Webster suggested the following items for the December agenda:

- Formation of Neighborhood Conference 2003 subcommittee
 - Reports from the Planning Subcommittee and Publicity Subcommittee
 - Introduction of new Youth Action Office Coordinator
 - Discussion/action on the issue of alternates identified from the Neighborhood Caucuses to fill empty board positions.
- Committee accepted Eva's recommended items for the December agenda.

6. Other Business/Public comment

- Christina Duran announced that she is organizing the Eastside Christmas Choir to perform at Cesar Chavez Community Center on December 21, 2002.
- Jacob Hernandez announced that the Casa Blanca community would be giving over 200 food baskets for Thanksgiving.

7. Next Meeting: December 2, 2002, 6:30pm

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Office of Neighborhoods' staff prepared minutes.